

## Union Calendar No. 10

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 525

**[Report No. 112-22]**

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MARCH 2, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. GINGREY of Georgia

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Veterinary Public  
5       Health Amendments Act of 2011”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH IN**  
7                       **CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE PRO-**  
8                       **VISIONS.**

9       (a) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE GRANTS.—Sub-  
10       sections (b)(1)(A) and (d)(6) of section 765 of the Public  
11       Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295) are amended by in-  
12       serting “veterinary public health,” after “preventive medi-  
13       cine,” each place it appears.

14       (b) PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE LOAN REPAY-  
15       MENT PROGRAM.—

16               (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
17       of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service  
18       Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) are amended by strik-  
19       ing “public health or health professions degree or  
20       certificate” each place it appears and inserting  
21       “public health (including veterinary public health) or  
22       health professions degree or certificate”.

23               (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Subparagraph  
24       (A) of section 776(b)(1) of the Public Health Service

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 295f–1(b)(1)) is amended by adding  
2 “or” at the end.

3 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 799B of the Public Health  
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

6 “(27) VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH.—The  
7 term ‘veterinary public health’ includes veterinarians  
8 engaged in one or more of the following areas to the  
9 extent such areas have an impact on human health:  
10 biodefense and emergency preparedness, emerging  
11 and reemerging infectious diseases, environmental  
12 health, ecosystem health, pre- and post-harvest food  
13 protection, regulatory medicine, diagnostic labora-  
14 tory medicine, veterinary pathology, biomedical re-  
15 search, the practice of food animal medicine in rural  
16 areas, and government practice.”.



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